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The data contained in this bulletin are revised yearly.

TABLE 1
EMPLOYMENT AND UNEMPLOYMENT IN DECEMBER 1988

NOTE: These labor force data are supplied by the U.S. Department of Labor.

CALIFORNIA SEASONALLY ADJUSTED (Numbers in thousands)	DECEMBER 1988	NOVEMBER 1988	OCTOBER 1988	DECEMBER 1987
Total civilian labor force ^{a/}	14,369	14,338	14,160	13,950
Total civilian employment.....	13,699	13,584	13,457	13,221
Total unemployment.....	670	754	703	729
Seasonally adjusted rate (%)..	4.7	5.3	5.0	5.2
Range ^{b/}	4.0-5.4	4.6-6.0	4.3-5.7	4.6-5.8
U.S. seasonally adjusted rate..	5.3	5.4	5.3	5.8
CALIFORNIA UNADJUSTED (Numbers in thousands)				
Total civilian labor force ^{a/}	14,276	14,337	14,200	13,662
Total civilian employment.....	13,659	13,606	13,524	13,185
Total unemployment.....	617	731	676	677
Unadjusted rate (%).....	4.3	5.1	4.8	4.9
Range ^{b/}	3.6-5.0	4.4-5.8	4.1-5.5	4.3-5.5

^{a/} Total labor force by place of residence, including workers involved in trade disputes. Employment includes self-employed, unpaid family and domestic workers.

^{b/} Range as shown is at the 90% level of confidence.

HIGHLIGHTS California's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate for December was 4.7 percent, down from the 5.3 percent in November. A year ago, in December, the rate was 5.2 percent. During December in California, seasonally adjusted employment increased by 115,000 over the month while unemployment decreased by 84,000. The national civilian seasonally adjusted unemployment rate of December was 5.3 percent, down from the 5.4 percent in November.

Total nonagricultural wage and salary employment, not seasonally adjusted, increased by 62,400 from 12,327,200 in November to 12,389,600 in December. The largest increase in employment was in the wholesale and retail trade sector with a gain of 53,200 jobs. As would be expected, nearly all of this increase, 52,500, was in the retail trade component. Other sectors that registered increases included services with 15,000 additional jobs; finance, insurance, and real estate with 2,600; and transportation and public utilities with 1,900. As expected, the manufacturing, construction, and government sectors lost jobs in December, but the decrease was less than seasonally anticipated. Since December 1987, total wage and salary employment has increased by 416,400, a gain of 3.5 percent over the year.

Prepared in cooperation with the Bureau of Labor Statistics and the Employment and Training Administration of the U.S. Department of Labor by the Employment Data and Research Division, Economic Information Group, P.O. Box 942850, Sacramento, CA 94280-8051.

TABLE 2
EMPLOYMENT STATUS OF THE WORKING-AGE
POPULATION IN CALIFORNIA
(Numbers in Thousands)
Data Are Not Seasonally Adjusted
Data Are Three-Month Moving Averages*

EMPLOYMENT STATUS	DECEMBER 1988	NOVEMBER 1988	OCTOBER 1988	DECEMBER 1987
Total, Age 16 +				
Labor Force.....	14,271	14,218	14,191	13,864
Employed.....	13,596	13,513	13,465	13,143
Unemployed.....	675	705	726	721
Unemployment Rate.....	4.7	5.0	5.1	5.2
Male, Age 20 +				
Labor Force.....	7,643	7,642	7,634	7,341
Employed.....	7,299	7,309	7,303	7,022
Unemployed.....	344	333	331	319
Unemployment Rate.....	4.5	4.4	4.3	4.3
Female, Age 20 +				
Labor Force.....	5,815	5,786	5,708	5,668
Employed.....	5,597	5,535	5,450	5,408
Unemployed.....	218	251	258	260
Unemployment Rate.....	3.8	4.3	4.5	4.6
Both Sexes, Age 16-19				
Labor Force.....	813	790	850	855
Employed.....	700	670	713	712
Unemployed.....	113	120	137	143
Unemployment Rate.....	13.8	15.2	16.1	16.7
White, Age 16 +				
Labor Force.....	11,996	11,992	11,982	11,701
Employed.....	11,464	11,432	11,395	11,124
Unemployed.....	531	560	587	577
Unemployment Rate.....	4.4	4.7	4.9	4.9
Nonwhite, Age 16 +				
Labor Force.....	2,275	2,226	2,209	2,164
Employed.....	2,132	2,081	2,076	2,019
Unemployed.....	143	145	139	144
Unemployment Rate.....	6.3	6.5	6.3	6.7

*Data supplied by the U.S. Department of Labor from their current population survey. No comparable data are available for areas within California. The sample upon which the data in Table 2 is based was reduced in April 1988. The result has been volatile monthly unemployment estimates for specific labor market groups. Therefore, data show a THREE-MONTH MOVING AVERAGE instead of monthly data. For example, July's data are an average of May, June, and July.

TABLE 3
EARNINGS AND HOURS* OF PRODUCTION AND RELATED WORKERS
IN MANUFACTURING IN CALIFORNIA

Area	NOV 1988	OCT 1988	NOV 1987	NOV 1988	OCT 1988	NOV 1987	NOV 1988	OCT 1988	NOV 1987
California	\$448.13	\$445.26	\$444.17	41.0	40.7	40.9	\$10.93	\$10.94	\$10.86

*Average hours and earnings are based upon data for full-time and part-time production and related workers in manufacturing industries. Average gross weekly and hourly earnings include overtime pay and premium wages for late-shift work. These are not wage rates but are averages of gross earnings. Data are preliminary and subject to change.

TABLE 4
MONTHLY WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT ANALYSIS FOR DECEMBER
EMPLOYMENT IN THOUSANDS OF JOBS
--DATA NOT ADJUSTED FOR SEASONALITY--

INDUSTRY TITLE	CURRENT MONTH	PREVIOUS MONTH (REVISED)	YEAR AGO	NUMERICAL	CHANGE	PERCENT	CHANGE
	DEC88	NOV88	DEC87	MONTH/MONTH	YEAR/YEAR	MONTH/MONTH	YEAR/YEAR
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	12389.6	12327.2	11973.2	62.4	416.4	0.5	3.5
MINING	40.1	40.2	41.0	-0.1	-0.9	-0.2	-2.2
METAL MINING	2.3	2.3	2.2	0.0	0.1	0.0	4.5
FUEL MINING	30.5	30.6	31.9	-0.1	-1.4	-0.3	-4.4
NONMETAL MINING	7.3	7.3	6.9	0.0	0.4	0.0	5.8
CONSTRUCTION	658.3	663.4	599.7	-5.1	58.6	-0.8	9.8
GENERAL BUILDING CONTRACTORS	175.1	175.9	159.1	-0.8	16.0	-0.5	10.1
HEAVY CONSTRUCTION	92.2	93.5	79.5	-1.3	12.7	-1.4	16.0
SPECIAL TRADE CONTRACTORS	391.0	394.0	361.1	-3.0	29.9	-0.8	8.3
MANUFACTURING	2162.5	2165.3	2126.1	-2.8	36.4	-0.1	1.7
NONDURABLE GOODS	710.9	713.4	686.5	-2.5	24.4	-0.4	3.6
FOOD & KINDRED PRODUCTS	181.1	184.5	169.8	-3.4	11.3	-1.8	6.7
CANNED, CURED, FROZEN SEAFOODS	4.3	4.0	5.4	0.3	-1.1	7.5	-20.4
PRESERVED FRUITS & VEGETABLES	52.1	54.1	44.1	-2.0	8.0	-3.7	18.1
* OTHER FOOD & KINDRED PRODUCTS	124.7	126.4	120.3	-1.7	4.4	-1.3	3.7
TEXTILE MILL PRODUCTS	16.8	16.9	16.5	-0.1	0.3	-0.6	1.8
APPAREL & OTHER TEXTILE PRODS	132.6	132.7	128.1	-0.1	4.5	-0.1	3.5
PAPER & ALLIED PRODUCTS	42.6	42.6	42.3	0.0	0.3	0.0	0.7
PRINTING & PUBLISHING	160.1	159.2	155.6	0.9	4.5	0.6	2.9
CHEMICALS & ALLIED PRODUCTS	70.7	70.5	68.1	0.2	2.6	0.3	3.8
PETROLEUM & COAL PRODUCTS	26.4	26.4	26.4	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
RUBBER & MISC PLASTIC PRODUCTS	73.9	73.9	73.0	0.0	0.9	0.0	1.2
LEATHER AND LEATHER PRODUCTS	6.7	6.7	6.7	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
DURABLE GOODS	1451.6	1451.9	1439.6	-0.3	12.0	-0.0	0.8
LUMBER & WOOD PROD EXC FURNITURE	66.5	68.6	63.9	-2.1	2.6	-3.1	4.1
FURNITURE & FIXTURES	66.4	66.1	63.9	0.3	2.5	0.5	3.9
STONE, CLAY & GLASS PRODUCTS	55.5	56.0	54.5	-0.5	1.0	-0.9	1.8
PRIMARY METAL INDUSTRIES	41.2	41.1	41.1	0.1	0.1	0.2	0.2
FABRICATED METAL PRODUCTS	133.4	133.8	133.4	-0.4	0.0	-0.3	0.0
MACHINERY EXC ELECTRICAL	225.7	224.8	216.8	0.9	8.9	0.4	4.1
ELECTRICAL EQUIP & SUPPLIES	391.1	391.6	397.9	-0.5	-6.8	-0.1	-1.7
TRANSPORTATION EQUIPMENT	321.8	320.0	321.4	1.8	0.4	0.6	0.1
MOTOR VEHICLES & EQUIPMENT	36.0	35.8	34.3	0.2	1.7	0.6	5.0
AIRCRAFT AND PARTS	180.1	178.8	178.8	1.3	1.3	0.7	0.7
SHIP & BOAT BLDG & REPAIRING	13.2	12.8	14.5	0.4	-1.3	3.1	-9.0
GUIDED MISS, SPACE VEHICLES PTS	82.2	82.3	83.5	-0.1	-1.3	-0.1	-1.6
OTHER TRANSPORTATION EQUIPMENT	10.3	10.3	10.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
INSTRUMENTS & RELATED PRODUCTS	115.6	115.2	111.9	0.4	3.7	0.3	3.3
MISC MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES	34.4	34.7	34.8	-0.3	-0.4	-0.9	-1.1
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES	593.0	591.1	591.5	1.9	1.5	0.3	0.3
TRANSPORTATION	354.2	351.8	347.1	2.4	7.1	0.7	2.0
RAILROADS	18.3	18.3	18.7	0.0	-0.4	0.0	-2.1
TRUCKING AND WAREHOUSING	149.9	147.1	148.3	2.8	1.6	1.9	1.1
OTHER TRANSPORTATION	186.0	186.4	180.1	-0.4	5.9	-0.2	3.3
COMMUNICATIONS	154.0	154.5	159.1	-0.5	-5.1	-0.3	-3.2
ELECTRIC, GAS & SANITARY SERVICES	84.8	84.8	85.3	0.0	-0.5	0.0	-0.6
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	3012.9	2959.7	2896.7	53.2	116.2	1.8	4.0
WHOLESALE TRADE	717.0	716.3	696.4	0.7	20.6	0.1	3.0
RETAIL TRADE	2295.9	2243.4	2200.3	52.5	95.6	2.3	4.3
GENERAL MERCHANDISE STORES	296.2	272.7	293.5	23.5	2.7	8.6	0.9
FOOD STORES	307.9	304.9	294.4	3.0	13.5	1.0	4.6
OTHER RETAIL TRADE	1691.8	1667.8	1612.4	24.0	79.4	1.4	4.9
FINANCE INSURANCE & REAL ESTATE	830.9	828.3	815.7	2.6	15.2	0.3	1.9
FINANCE	384.3	383.4	383.9	0.9	0.4	0.2	0.1
INSURANCE AGTS CARRIERS BRKRS	233.0	231.9	225.2	1.1	7.8	0.5	3.5
REAL ESTATE	192.7	192.2	185.5	0.5	7.2	0.3	3.9
COMB HOLDING & OTHER INVEST CO	20.9	20.8	21.1	0.1	-0.2	0.5	-0.9
SERVICES	3076.7	3061.7	2960.2	15.0	116.5	0.5	3.9
HOTELS AND OTHER LODGING PLACES	175.8	174.7	166.0	1.1	9.8	0.6	5.9
PERSONAL SERVICES	134.9	133.7	127.4	1.2	7.5	0.9	5.9
BUSINESS SERVICES	786.0	780.8	754.0	5.2	32.0	0.7	4.2
AUTO AND MISC REPAIR SERVICES	161.1	161.6	160.3	-0.5	0.8	-0.3	0.5
MOTION PICTURES	90.8	88.3	92.6	2.5	-1.8	2.8	-1.9
AMUSEMENT & RECREATION SERVICES	117.1	116.6	114.2	0.5	2.9	0.4	2.5
HEALTH SERVICES	737.0	734.0	710.0	3.0	27.0	0.4	3.8
OTHER SERVICES	874.0	872.0	835.7	2.0	38.3	0.2	4.6
GOVERNMENT	2015.2	2017.5	1942.3	-2.3	72.9	-0.1	3.8
FEDERAL GOVERNMENT	356.4	354.6	353.0	1.8	3.4	0.5	1.0
STATE & LOCAL GOVERNMENT	1658.8	1662.9	1589.3	-4.1	69.5	-0.2	4.4
COUNTY	257.0	256.7	247.4	0.3	9.6	0.1	3.9
CITY	218.7	218.6	211.5	0.1	7.2	0.0	3.4
EDUCATION	888.1	891.4	846.4	-3.3	41.7	-0.4	4.9
EDUCATION STATE	163.5	165.3	154.8	-1.8	8.7	-1.1	5.6
EDUCATION LOCAL	724.6	726.1	691.6	-1.5	33.0	-0.2	1.8
OTHER STATE & LOCAL	295.0	296.2	284.0	-1.2	11.0	-0.4	3.9
STATE EXC ED	199.1	200.1	190.0	-1.0	9.1	-0.5	4.8
SPECIAL DISTRICT	95.9	96.1	94.0	-0.2	1.9	-0.2	2.0
TOTAL AGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	292.0	293.0	294.5	-1.0	-2.5	-0.3	-0.8

SOURCE: EMPLOYMENT DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT
EMPLOYMENT DATA AND RESEARCH DIVISION

TABLE 5
MONTHLY LABOR FORCE DATA FOR COUNTIES
NOVEMBER 1988

COUNTY	CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE	EMPLOYMENT	UNEMPLOYMENT	
			NUMBER	PERCENT*
STATE TOTAL	14336900	13606200	730700	5.1
ALAMEDA	686100	656600	29500	4.3
ALPINE	900	850	50	5.5
AMADOR	10925	10225	700	6.4
BUTTE	71375	65800	5575	7.8
CALAVERAS	10000	9125	875	8.7
COLUSA	7550	6650	900	12.0
CONTRA COSTA	411500	393500	18000	4.4
DEL NORTE	8000	6900	1100	13.7
EL DORADO	63400	60500	2900	4.6
FRESNO	304700	271000	33700	11.1
GLENN	10750	9675	1075	9.9
HUMBOLDT	52400	48000	4400	8.4
IMPERIAL	42550	34150	8400	19.8
INYO	8550	8225	325	3.7
KERN	231700	207800	23900	10.3
KINGS	35100	31675	3425	9.7
LAKE	17875	16025	1850	10.4
LASSEN	9750	8975	775	8.0
LOS ANGELES	4204500	4017700	186800	4.4
MADERA	32975	28650	4325	13.1
MARIN	130900	127300	3600	2.8
MARIPOSA	6350	5925	425	6.8
MENDOCINO	36000	32600	3400	9.4
MERCED	72275	64450	7825	10.8
MODOC	4050	3725	325	8.0
MONO	5700	5350	350	6.1
MONTEREY	158100	144400	13700	8.7
NAPA	57000	54200	2800	4.9
NEVADA	30675	28600	2075	6.7
ORANGE	1367900	1327600	40300	2.9
PLACER	78600	74900	3700	4.7
PLUMAS	8825	7925	900	10.1
RIVERSIDE	426500	398400	28100	6.6
SACRAMENTO	522100	495800	26300	5.0
SAN BENITO	15900	13800	2100	13.3
SAN BERNARDINO	559000	532200	26800	4.8
SAN DIEGO	1155300	1107900	47400	4.1
SAN FRANCISCO	422900	406400	16500	3.9
SAN JOAQUIN	195600	175900	19700	10.1
SAN LUIS OBISPO	98000	94100	3900	4.0
SAN MATEO	361700	352400	9300	2.6
SANTA BARBARA	187200	179400	7800	4.1
SANTA CLARA	541200	808300	32900	3.9
SANTA CRUZ	131300	122700	8600	6.5
SHASTA	59150	53775	5375	9.1
SIERRA	1625	1475	150	8.5
SISKIYOU	19100	17225	1875	9.8
SOLANO	139800	131900	7900	5.7
SONOMA	201600	192000	9600	4.8
STANISLAUS	160000	141300	18700	11.7
SUTTER	27675	24025	3650	13.2
TEHAMA	18825	17325	1500	8.0
TRINITY	5650	4975	675	11.8
TULARE	138650	123850	14800	10.7
TUOLUMNE	18800	17325	1475	7.8
VENTURA	360000	339500	20500	5.7
YOLO	73600	68500	5100	7.0
YUBA	18825	16800	2025	10.7

* NOTE: IMPERIAL COUNTY ESTIMATES ARE LOWER BEGINNING WITH THE JANUARY 1986 REPORT DUE TO A CHANGE IN METHOD OF ESTIMATING UNEMPLOYMENT. UNEMPLOYMENT RATE IS BASED ON UNROUNDED DATA. DATA NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED.